Hazel Reed Papers  
(SP0055)

Collection Number: SP0055

Collection Title: Hazel Reed Papers

Dates: 1913-1975

Creator: Reed, Hazel Irene Carmack, 1897-1984

Abstract: The papers of Hazel Irene Carmack Reed, born August 6, 1897, in Crocker, Missouri, contain correspondence, genealogical research, photographs, and newspaper clippings. The collection includes material concerning various families from Missouri, including Allee, Bartlett, Birdsong, Bybee, Carmack, Decker, Hill, Howard, Reed, Smith, and Yarbrough. There is a significant focus on the Allee family history and Pulaski County, Missouri.

Collection Size: 1 cubic foot  
(39 folders, 19 photographs)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Springfield. If you would like more information, please contact us at springfield@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Hazel Reed Papers can be found in the following collections:

Lilburn A. Kingsbury Collection (C3724)  
William S. Allee Papers (CA4948)
Biographical Note:

Hazel Irene Carmack Reed was born on August 6, 1897 to Lewis Albert and Lavonia (Allee) Carmack in Crocker, Missouri. She married George Hudson Reed, the son of George Marcellus Hamilton Reed, on October 3, 1915. After the couple moved to St. Louis, Missouri, they had a son, Mack Hudson Reed, who was born on July 31, 1919. Two years later, the Reed family moved to El Paso, Texas. After the couple’s divorce in 1929, Hazel continued to live in El Paso, with a short stint in Tucson, Arizona. Hazel died on July 21, 1984, in St. Louis, Missouri.

Hazel’s genealogy research began in the early 1950’s. In order to preserve her family lineage, Hazel began documenting the descendants of her ancestor, Reverend David Allee. Over the next twenty years, Hazel corresponded with several relatives to gather information for her research. In addition to letters, her research includes handwritten cemetery records, family bible transcriptions, a collection of newspaper clippings, and family charts. Through her research, she was able to establish her lineage to Reverend David Allee, a Revolutionary War soldier, in order to qualify for the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Hazel’s descendants include members from the following Missouri families: Allee, Bartlett, Birdsong, Bybee, Carmack, Decker, Hill, Howard, Reed, Scott, and Yarbrough. Her research includes genealogical records for each family, with the majority of records relating to the Allee family. Hazel’s Allee family research begins with Nicholas Allee I, father to Reverend David Allee (1762-1831). David and Charity (Bybee) Allee had seven children: Buford Allee, John Allee, Nicholas Allee III, Anna (Allee) Scott, Winniford (Allee) Birdsong, and Charity (Allee) Howard. The majority of the Allee family, including the four brothers, moved from Virginia to Missouri in the mid-1800’s.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following 6 series:

- Correspondence
- Genealogy
- Newspaper Clippings
- Photographs
- Pulaski County, Missouri
- Miscellaneous

Scope and Content Note:

Correspondence

This series contains letters sent to Hazel Reed from various relatives and government offices related to her genealogy research. Many of the letters are in response to Hazel’s request for information on her ancestors, as well as names of current relatives. The letters were written between 1940 to 1975. The series is arranged chronologically by year.
Genealogy

This series consists of genealogy research created by Hazel Reed and follow Hazel’s original order. The series is organized alphabetically by individual families and includes substantial genealogy materials and handwritten notes. The families include: Allee, Bartlett, Birdsong, Bybee, Carmack and Decker, Hill, Howard, Reed, Scott, and Yarbrough. The series includes family charts, copies of census records, family histories, and newspaper clippings. The Allee and Hill family folders include copies of historical wills and probate records. The Hill family material also contains a list of names of enslaved persons owned by the Hill family. The Yarbrough family material includes two original family registries (1803-1857) that are in fragile condition.

The Allee family material comprises the largest amount of research materials and has been kept in its original order. This material contains Allee family histories and genealogy records related to Nicholas Allee I, Reverend David Allee, Buford Allee, John Allee, Nicholas Allee III, William Allee, and William S. Allee.

The remaining miscellaneous material includes information pertaining to the 10 families. Folder 33 houses a date book with family birth and death dates, a notebook that Hazel used to record cemetery records, and detached scrapbook pages with corresponding newspaper clippings. The Genealogy series is organized first by family names and then by subject.

Newspaper Clippings

This series contains newspaper clippings that are unrelated to specific families but pertain to Hazel Reed’s research on genealogy, the Revolutionary War, and the Daughters of the American Revolution. The newspapers include articles from the El Paso Times and the El Paso Herald-Post (1959-1968).

Photographs

This series contains photographs of the Allee-Carmack family (1913, no date.), Hazel Reed (1937-1960), and unidentified individuals (1962, no date). Folder 35 contains two negatives that correspond to the Allee-Carmack family photographs. This series is organized by subject.

Pulaski County, Missouri

This series contains materials related to Pulaski County, Missouri, including a copy of “Settlement and Pioneer History of Pulaski County” (1889). This document includes various underlined names and places of interest to Hazel Reed. This series also contains the “Pulaski County Civil War Centennial Booklet” (1961) and Pulaski County-related newspaper clippings.

Personal Papers

This series includes poems and scriptures that were handwritten by Hazel Reed and a business card from The Purple Sage Motel, located in El Paso, Texas.

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